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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In the morning of 7 January 1955, a total of about 60 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets moved in small groups and at large intervals from the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 49/V 88) to the training area west of the installation from which machine-gun bursts and reports of rifles were heard during this time. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Fifteen soldiers were observed at maintenance work on 2 SU-76 SP guns and 5 trucks in the area of the Auhof Kaserne. The radiators of 24 motor vehicles were observed under shedroofs in the area of the installation. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included truck [] and van-like motor vehicle [] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and trucks [] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 1
2. On 5 January 1955, 60 soldiers with field packs who wore black-bordered red epaulets and were supervised by 2 captains and 2 senior lieutenants wearing black-bordered black-bordered red epaulets were observed at assault drill with the support of an SP gun in the large training area 3 kilometers east of the Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) railroad station. The SP gun [] and was manned with soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about noon, the above-mentioned detachment, escorted by jeep [] which was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets, returned to the former Jaeger Kaserne. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the installation included truck [] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets, and jeep [] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets. A lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia, a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, a major wearing black-bordered black epaulets, a major wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and jeep [] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the building of

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the former Landesregierung (~~Province~~ Government). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. At noon, driving-school trucks

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were parked in front of this building. A major wearing black-bordered red epaulets and a major wearing blue-bordered black epaulets entered the Kattnersiedlung (settlement) which was guarded by a sentry who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. Two trucks and only a few soldiers were observed in the area of the settlement. 2

3. At about noon on 4 January 1955, two detachments returned from the Danube meadows to the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68). The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The first detachment which included 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, carried three portable radio sets with rod antennas and was led by a captain who wore black-bordered black epaulets. The second detachment included 26 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and 2 sergeants who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The soldiers of the second detachment carried field packs and aiming silhouettes and were led by a senior lieutenant who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Truck and driving-school truck, both with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation. Motor vehicles parked in the area of the installation included 4 trucks.

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1. Comment. The 287th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt is located in the Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr.
2. Comment. The 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt to which the SP gun also belongs is located in the Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt. Most of the motor-vehicle observed at the former Jaeger Kaserne belong to the 284th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt which is stationed there. The motor-vehicle of the driving-school vehicles which were observed in front of the building of the former Landesregierung indicate that these vehicles belong to the motor transport school (?) of the Central Group of Forces in Eisenstadt.
3. Comment. The 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt is stationed at Melk. Almost all the motor-vehicle which are mentioned in the present report belong to this regiment.

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